PARTING MESSAGE OF Nawab S. A. Khan

C. P. MUSLIMS PROTEST AGAINST ARREST

In his parting message to the Muslims of the Central Provinces, Nawab Siddique Ali Khan, M.L.A. (Central) at the time of his arrest on December 11 last, said:

"I had been released from Amraoti Jail last year on December 13 and again I am going to jail this year on December 11. This time I have been arrested under the Defence of India Rules in connection with a speech I delivered about Iran. I am not at all sorry for this arrest, for I have the satisfaction of following the lead given by the All-India Muslim League. I am, no doubt, sorry that at a time when our beloved Qa'id-e-Azam is coming to Nagpur, I will not be there to receive him.

"I appeal to the Muslims of the province to make the session of the All-India Muslim Students Federation a success and to celebrate enthusiastically the birthday of the Qa'id-e-Azam on December 25 next.

"I charge the Muslims to remain united in my absence and to maintain the dignity of the Muslim League.—*Khuda Hafiz.*"

A mass meeting of about 10,000 Musalmans was held under the auspices of the City Muslim League, at Mominpura Maidan, Nagpur, on December 11 last. Mr. Ibrahim Khan, Vice-President, presiding. Mr. Raza Ismail appealed for funds for the session of the All-India Muslim Students Federation. Mr. Ahfazur Rahim and Mr. Riyazuddin Ahmad spoke protesting against the arrest of Nawab Siddiq Ali Khan.

Mass Meeting

The meeting passed a resolution, congratulating Nawab Siddiq Ali Khan for having followed the lead given by the All-India Muslim League and assured him that in his absence the work of the Muslim League would be continued with the fullest dignity and honour and that the session of the All-India Muslim Students Federation would be made successful.

By another resolution the meeting recorded its protest on the arrest of Nawab Siddiq Ali Khan who, according to them, was being sent to jail for his actions which he was continuously doing in the interests of the Musalmans and which were not appreciated by some officials."

Jinnah Day On Dec. 25

All the Districts and Primary Muslim Leagues in the Bombay Province have been directed by the Bombay Provincial Muslim League, to celebrate December 25, the birthday of Qa'id-e-Azam Jinnah as the "Jinnah Day" by holding public meetings, explaining the policy (including the Pakistan Scheme) aims and objects of the Muslim League to the Muslim public and also explaining and carrying out the following constructive programme:

1. Cottage industries should be promoted and encouraged and stores should be established at Central places on co-operative basis.

2. The Muslims should use *Garha* made by Musalmans on all occasions of festivity and mourning, so that due impetus may be given to the *Garha* manufacture.

3. Night Schools should be opened in order to spread adult education.

4. Un-Islamic ceremonies should be given up and discouraged.

5. No loans on interest be taken for marriage and funeral ceremonies.

6. The use of intoxicants and gambling should be checked.

7. The true spirit of brotherhood, based on the Islamic conception of equality and fraternity, should be infused among those Muslims who have adopted the Un-Islamic view of caste, based on profession, and occupation.

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Air Raid Test: "A Failure"

In order to test the "air-raid-mindedness" of the citizens of Calcutta, an air-raid warning was sounded at about 5 in the afternoon on Thursday. According to the Commissioner of Police, the test was a "complete failure on the part of the public." The street were thronged with pedestrians, who made no attempt to take cover or carry out any of the instructions issued earlier for observance by the public.

"In an actual raid," the Commissioner adds, "the results of this are likely to be disastrous and casualties would be heavy even as a result of our gunfire."

Art Treasures Removed

The art treasures in the Victoria Memorial, numbering about 4,000, moved to a place of safety, according to a plane previously sanctioned by the Central Government.

U.S. Steamer Strikes Mine

Five hundred persons lost their lives when the Philippine Inter-Island steamer "Corregidor" blew up on a mine near Manila Bay on Wednesday.

M. U. U. Vice-President

Mr. Shakir Husain Khan, B. A., (Alig.), till lately Secretary of the Muslim University Union and Joint Secretary of the University Muslim League, has been elected unopposed as Vice-President of the Union. The backing which the Muslim League enjoys in the University circles is so overwhelming that no other candidate offered himself for election.

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8. Panchayats should be established in order to settle ordinary disputes so that people may not suffer unnecessary monetary loss by going to law-courts.

9. Muslims should be persuaded to take to Commerce and Industry.

10. Full interest should be taken in all the schemes of rural uplift and progress.

Axis Forces In Full Retreat

British Advance In Libya

It was officially announced on Thursday that Axis forces in Eastern Cyrenaica were in full retreat and that after five days of intensive fighting the enemy's front had everywhere been broken.

General Rommel is attempting to withdraw from Gazala but the Allied forces are pressing him hard and pursuing his troops, according to authoritative circles in London.

Soviet Advance Continues

The Russian advance continues very successfully, it was authoritatively stated in London on Thursday. There is no indication as to where the Germans might plan to stabilize their line--it might not be left to the Germans to decide. It is difficult to see how the Nazis can support their claim that they are retreating in order to shorten their line.

TURKEY CALM

Reaction to Bulgar Situation

The Turks are still calm about the Bulgar situation. It is admitted that the German withdrawal in Russia may free many divisions for the elsewhere, but the Turks are not worrying till they have received concrete proof of the arrival of German mechanized armoured divisions in Bulgaria, of which at present there is no sign. This does not mean that the Turks are not taking precautions; the extended term with the colours will shortly be three years, while generally the defence preparations continue apace. The civilian calm at Ankara and Istanbul is striking.

The mobilization of a large number of men has naturally created economic difficulties, the latest of which is the rise in the price of bread to 16 kurus per kilo pound from 12.5, while other foodstuffs are also dearer.

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